

Poland Grounds Tu-154M

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Poland has taken its remaining Soviet-made Tu-154M government plane out of service following a crash involving its other Tu-154M that killed President Lech Kaczynski in the Smolensk region last April.

Poland pulled the Tu-154M from service after Russia ordered airlines to stop using Tu-154B aircraft following a fire and explosion that killed three people in January.

Defense Ministry spokesman Janusz Sejmej said Friday that Poland was awaiting clarification from Russian authorities on whether the variant Warsaw uses also should be grounded.

A Russian report on the April crash found no fault with the plane.

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